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— Going forward together —

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Golf Club

# Askernish Golf Club



**Visitors from across UK, Europe and further afield including one visitor this year who travelled from the US specifically to play Askernish**



**Tourism income is vital to Askernish...local membership alone would not support the course in its present condition**



**Askernish has been described as the most natural golf course in the world...add to this the Tom Morris story, Askernish is a truly unique resource**





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LOCHBOISDALE HARBOUR

CALA LOCHBAGHSDAIL

07°17.80" W LONGITUDE

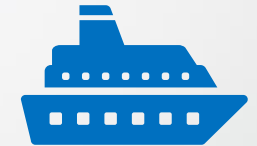
# Lochboisdale Harbour



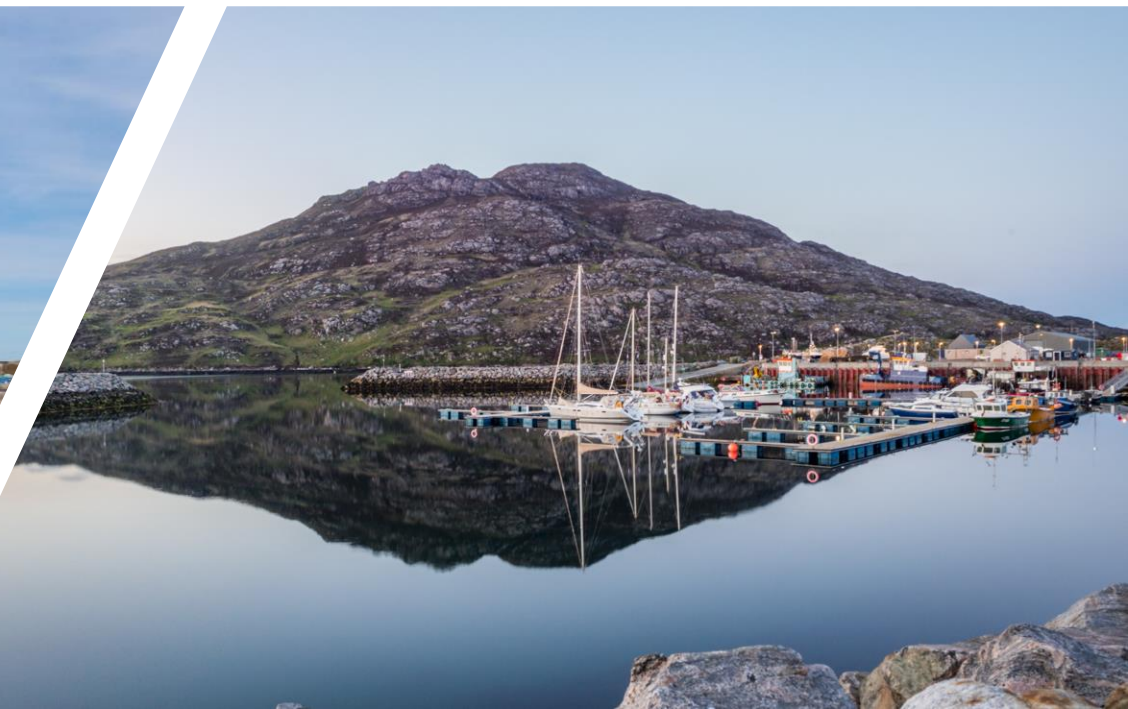
**Marine podcaster Ceri Hurford-Jones has described the welcome at Lochboisdale as the 'warmest he received anywhere in Scotland'**



**Many visitors sail and then return to the mainland via ferry, leaving their boat here so they can return time and again in one season**



**One couple live in Switzerland but keep their boat permanently berthed at Lochboisdale**





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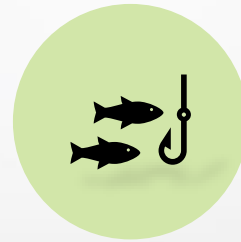
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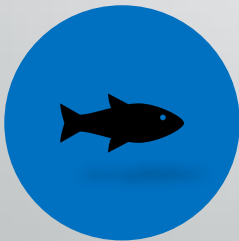
# South Uist Estate Fishing



**As many as 800 anglers annually**



**Visiting anglers very often combine fishing with other hobbies, most notably photography**



**Brown trout can weigh 6lbs...sea trout 8lbs**



**Most common feedback is 'catching a fish is a bonus'...anglers love the scenery, the ever-changing weather and the wildlife**





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# Grogarry Lodge Accommodation

- Building dates from late 19<sup>th</sup> century and retains many original features
- Guests book the entire lodge...not individual rooms
- Grogarry has undergone significant refurbishment in the last couple of years







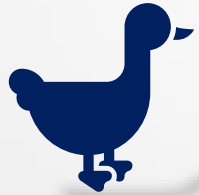
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## **South Uist Estate Sporting**



**Grogarry attracts sporting guests worldwide including a German prince who returns annually**



**Our wildfowling is amongst the sustainable and challenging in Scotland...and the guests dine on their hardwork!**



**Grogarry is now open to the public for private functions.**





# Some numbers

- **Income – Total of these activities = approx. £580k annually to the estate but much more to the wider economy**
- **Tourism activity supports 9 ½ full-time jobs plus p/t & casual staff**



# Challenges

- **Stòras commissioned and paid-for 2 business impact assessments of both 2022 and 2023 ferry problems (2022 jointly funded with HIE)**
- **Like most of us here today, June's cancellations hit us hard**
- **We will continue to play our part in campaigning for better and more reliable services**





**THE FUTURE**



**Further improvements to the course  
at Askernish designed to improve the  
golfing experience AND return  
grazing land to the township**

**New online booking system for  
fishing**

**Continued improvements to  
facilities at Lochboisdale as part  
of the LB Regeneration Project**

**Grogarry Lodge to become a sporting  
lodge with 'extras'...retreats,  
community events, well-being weeks**

**Hill trips / tours by gamekeepers  
for bird watching / photography /  
exploration**